

## **$S^4$ -FORMULA AND $S^2$ -FORMULA FOR QUASI-TRIANGULAR BIFROBENIUS ALGEBRAS**

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**Abstract.** We introduce the notion of a quasi-triangular biFrobenius algebra and prove the  $S^2$ -formula and  $S^4$ -formula.

### **Introduction**

The notion of a quasi-triangular Hopf algebra was introduced by Drinfel'd [Dr1] in 1986, playing a basic role in quantum group theory. He has further proved in [Dr2] that the square of the antipode  $S$  of a quasi-triangular Hopf algebra  $H$  is inner by the so-called Drinfel'd element  $u$  and that  $S^4$  is inner by  $g = u(Su)^{-1}$  which is group-like. He has also expressed  $g$  in terms of the modular element and the modular function when  $H$  is finite-dimensional, by using Radford's  $S^4$ -formula [R1]. This expression was also proved by Radford [R2] independently. See also [Mo], Chapter 10.

Doi and Takeuchi [DT] have recently introduced the notion of a biFrobenius algebra as natural generalization of a finite-dimensional Hopf algebra. Among other things, they have proved an analogue of Radford's  $S^4$ -formula [DT], Theorem 3.6. It seems quite interesting and meaning to extend the notion of a quasi-triangular Hopf algebra to this new notion. In this paper, we formulate and study quasi-triangular biFrobenius algebra and proved analogues of the  $S^2$ - and  $S^4$ -formulas.

Throughout this paper we work over a field  $k$ . For any algebra  $A$ , the twist map:  $H \otimes H \rightarrow H \otimes H$  ( $h \otimes g \mapsto g \otimes h$ ) is denoted by  $\tau$ . And the dual space  $A^* = \text{Hom}(A, k)$  is a  $A$ -bimodule via

$$\langle x \rightharpoonup f, y \rangle = \langle f, yx \rangle, \langle f \leftharpoonup x, y \rangle = \langle f, xy \rangle \quad \text{for } x, y \in A, f \in A^*$$

For any coalgebra  $C$ , we denote the comultiplication  $\Delta : C \rightarrow C \otimes C$  by  $c \mapsto \sum c_1 \otimes c_2$ . The dual space  $C^*$  becomes an algebra under the convolution product

$$\langle f * g, c \rangle = \sum \langle f, c_1 \rangle \langle g, c_2 \rangle \quad \text{for } c \in C, f, g \in C^*.$$

$C$  is a  $C^*$ -bimodule via

$$f \rightharpoonup c = \sum c_1 \langle f, c_2 \rangle, c \leftharpoonup f = \sum c_2 \langle f, c_1 \rangle \quad \text{for } c \in C, f \in C^*.$$

### 1. BiFrobenius Algebras

We recall some properties of biFrobenius algebras [DT] which are necessary for our purposes.

Let  $A$  be a finite dimensional algebra and  $\phi \in A^*$ . The pair  $(A, \phi)$  is called a *Frobenius algebra* if  $A^* = \phi \leftharpoonup A$ . The element  $\phi$  is called a *Frobenius basis*. Since the bilinear form  $A \times A \rightarrow k$ ,  $(x, y) \mapsto \langle \phi, xy \rangle$  is non-degenerate, there exists a unique element  $\sum a_i \otimes b_i$  of  $A \otimes A$  which is called *the dual basis for  $\phi$*  such that  $x = \sum a_i \langle \phi, b_i y \rangle$  for  $\forall x \in A$ . For a Frobenius algebra  $(A, \phi)$ , the *Nakayama automorphism*  $N$  is defined by

$$\langle \phi, xy \rangle = \langle \phi, yN(x) \rangle \quad \text{for } \forall x, y \in A.$$

Given an augmentation  $\varepsilon : A \rightarrow k$  for a Frobenius algebra  $(A, \phi)$ , we put

$$I_r(A) = \{t \in A \mid tx = t\varepsilon(x), \forall x \in A\},$$

which is called *the space of right integrals in  $A$* . Taking  $t \in A$  such that  $\phi \leftharpoonup t = \varepsilon$ , we have  $I_r(A) = kt$ . Since  $xt$  is also a right integral for all  $x \in A$ , there exists  $\alpha \in \text{Alg}(A, k)$  such that  $xt = \alpha(x)t$ . We call  $\alpha$  *the right modular function for  $A$* .

We dualize this idea. Let  $C$  be a finite dimensional coalgebra and  $t \in C$ . The pair  $(C, t)$  is called a *Frobenius coalgebra* if  $C = t \leftharpoonup C^*$ . For a Frobenius coalgebra  $(C, t)$ , there exists a unique coalgebra automorphism  ${}^cN$  such that

$$\sum t_1 \otimes t_2 = \sum {}^cN(t_2) \otimes t_1.$$

This automorphism is called *the coNakayama automorphism*. We consider a Frobenius coalgebra  $(C, t)$  with group-like element  $1_C$ . Then the dual algebra  $C^*$  has an augmentation  $C^* \rightarrow k$ ,  $f \mapsto \langle f, 1_C \rangle$ . We have

$$I_r(C^*) = \{\phi \in C^* \mid \sum \langle \phi, c_1 \rangle c_2 = \langle \phi, c \rangle 1_C, \forall c \in C\}.$$

Taking  $\phi \in C^*$  such that  $t \leftharpoonup \phi = 1_C$ , we have  $I_r(C^*) = k\phi$ . There exists a group-like element  $a$  such that

$$\sum x_1 \langle \phi, x_2 \rangle = \langle \phi, x \rangle a \quad \text{for } \forall x \in C \text{ and } \forall f \in C^*.$$

We call  $a$  *the (right) modular element for  $C$* .

Let  $H$  be a finite dimensional algebra and coalgebra,  $t \in H$  and  $\phi \in H^*$ . Suppose we have:

- (BF1) The unit  $1_H$  is a group-like element,
- (BF2) The counit  $\varepsilon_H$  is an algebra map,
- (BF3)  $(H, \phi)$  is a Frobenius algebra,
- (BF4)  $(H, t)$  is a Frobenius coalgebra.

Define a map  $S : H \rightarrow H$  by the formula:

$$(1.1) \quad S(h) = \sum \langle \phi, t_1 h \rangle t_2 \quad \text{for } \forall h \in H.$$

DEFINITION 1.1. Let  $H$  be a finite dimensional algebra and coalgebra. Let  $t \in H$  and  $\phi \in H^*$ . Define  $S : H \rightarrow H$  as above. The 4-tuple  $(H, \phi, t, S)$  is called a *biFrobenius algebra* (or *bF-algebra*) if we have (BF1–4) and,

- (BF5)  $S$  is an anti-algebra map,
- (BF6)  $S$  is an anti-coalgebra map.

$S$  is called the *antipode* of the bF-algebra  $H$ . The map  $S$  is bijective, and we denote its composit inverse by  $\bar{S}$ . Since  $\varepsilon \circ S = \varepsilon$  and  $S(1) = 1$ , it follows that  $\phi \leftarrow t = \varepsilon$  and  $t \leftarrow \phi = 1$ . Hence  $t$  and  $\phi$  are right integrals. The dual basis for  $\phi$  is given by  $\sum \bar{S}(t_2) \otimes t_1$ , and we have

$$(1.2) \quad h = \sum \bar{S}(t_2) \langle \phi, t_1 h \rangle, \quad \forall h \in H, \quad ([DT], 3.1 \text{ Proposition})$$

$$(1.3) \quad \sum \langle \phi, x_1 y \rangle x_2 = \sum \langle \phi, x y_1 \rangle S(y_2), \quad \forall x, y \in H. \quad ([DT], 3.2 \text{ Proposition})$$

The Nakayama automorphism  $N$  has the following expression:

$$(1.4) \quad N(h) = \sum \langle \phi, h_1 t \rangle \bar{S}^2(h_2) = \bar{S}^2(h \leftarrow \alpha), \quad \forall h \in H. \quad (\text{ibid.})$$

The modular function  $\alpha$  is  $*$ -invertible with  $\alpha^{-1} = \alpha \circ \bar{S} = \alpha \circ S$  and  $\alpha^{-1} : H \rightarrow H$  is an algebra map. The map  $H \rightarrow H$ ,  $h \mapsto h \leftarrow \alpha$  is an algebra automorphism ([DT], 3.3 Proposition). Dually, we have that the modular element  $a$  is invertible with  $a^{-1} = S(a) = \bar{S}(a)$  (ibid.).

By [DT], 3.4 Proposition, we have

$$(1.5) \quad N(h) = a^{-1} S^2(\alpha \leftarrow h) a \quad \text{for } \forall h \in H,$$

$$(1.6) \quad {}^c N(h) = \bar{S}^2(ah) = \bar{S}^2(a h) \quad \text{for } \forall h \in H,$$

$$(1.7) \quad \sum \bar{S}(t_2) \otimes t_1 = \sum S(t_1) a \otimes t_2.$$

Hence

$$(1.8) \quad \sum t_1 \otimes t_2 = \sum a \bar{S}^2(t_2) \otimes t_1.$$

We have

$$(1.9) \quad S^4(h) = a(\alpha^{-1} \rightharpoonup h \leftharpoonup \alpha)a^{-1} \quad \text{for } \forall h \in H. \quad ([DT], 3.6 \text{ Theorem})$$

LEMMA 1.2. *We have*

$$(1.10) \quad \sum t_1 x \otimes t_2 = \sum t_1 \otimes t_2 S(x) \quad \text{for all } x \in H.$$

PROOF. Applying  $p \in H^*$  to both sides of (1.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \langle \phi, x_1 y \rangle \langle p, x_2 \rangle &= \sum \langle \phi, x y_1 \rangle \langle p, S(y_2) \rangle, \\ \sum \langle \phi_1, x_1 \rangle \langle \phi_2, y \rangle \langle p, x_2 \rangle &= \sum \langle \phi_1, x \rangle \langle \phi_2, y_1 \rangle \langle p, S(y_2) \rangle, \\ \sum \langle \phi_1 * p, x \rangle \langle \phi_2, y \rangle &= \sum \langle \phi_1, x \rangle \langle \phi_2 * S^*(p), y \rangle, \\ \sum \langle \phi_1 * p \otimes \phi_2, x \otimes y \rangle &= \sum \langle \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2 * S^*(p), x \otimes y \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

Since above formula holds for arbitrary  $x$  and  $y$  of  $H$ ,

$$\sum \phi_1 * p \otimes \phi_2 = \sum \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2 * S^*(p), \quad \forall p \in H^*$$

Dualizing this, we have

$$\sum t_1 x \otimes t_2 = \sum t_1 \otimes t_2 S(x), \quad \forall x \in H.$$

## 2. Quasi-Triangular BiFrobenius Algebra

Let  $(H, \phi, t, S)$  be a biFrobenius algebra. Let  $R \in H \otimes H$  be an invertible element.

DEFINITION 2.1. The pair  $(H, R)$  is called a *quasi-triangular biFrobenius algebra* if

$$(QTB \ 0) \ R^{-1} = (S \otimes id)(R) = (id \otimes \bar{S})(R),$$

$$(QTB \ 1) \ (\Delta \otimes id)(R) = R^{13} R^{23},$$

$$(QTB \ 2) \ (id \otimes \Delta)(R) = R^{13} R^{12},$$

$$(QTB \ 3) \ \Delta^{\text{OP}}(x)R = R\Delta(x) \text{ for all } x \in H,$$

where  $R^{13} = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes 1 \otimes R^{(2)}$ ,  $R^{12} = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)} \otimes 1$ ,  $R^{23} = \sum 1 \otimes R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}$  with  $R = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}$  and  $\Delta^{\text{OP}} = \tau \circ \Delta$ .

From definitions it follows that

$$(\varepsilon \otimes id)(R) = (id \otimes \varepsilon)(R) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad (S \otimes S)(R) = R.$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned}
R &= (\varepsilon \otimes id \otimes id)(\Delta \otimes id)(R) \\
&= (\varepsilon \otimes id \otimes id)R^{13}R^{23} && \text{(by (QTB1))} \\
&= \sum \varepsilon(R^{(1)})r^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}r^{(2)} && \text{(where } R = r) \\
&= (1 \otimes \varepsilon(R^{(1)})R^{(2)})R.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$(\varepsilon \otimes id)(R) = 1$$

Similarly

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We have

$$\begin{aligned}
(S \otimes S)(R) &= (id \otimes S)(S \otimes id)(R) = (id \otimes S)(R^{-1}) \\
&= (id \otimes S)(id \otimes \bar{S})(R) = R
\end{aligned}$$

There are shown in the same way as usual quasi-triangular Hopf algebras. The next lemma is an analogue of [R2], Proposition 3.

**LEMMA 2.2.** *Let  $(H, R)$  be a quasitriangular biFrobenius algebra with  $R = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}$ . For any  $\eta \in H^*$ , set  $g_\eta = \sum R^{(1)}\eta(R^{(2)})$ . Then*

- (a) *If  $\eta \in G(H^*) = \text{Alg}(H, k)$ ,  $g_\eta$  is a group-like element.*
- (b) *The linear map:  $H^* \rightarrow H$ ,  $\eta \mapsto g_\eta$  is an anti-algebra map.*
- (c)  *$(x \leftarrow \eta)g_\eta = g_\eta(\eta \rightarrow x)$  for all  $x \in H$ ,  $\eta \in G(H^*)$ .*

**PROOF.** (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(g_\eta) &= \Delta(\sum R^{(1)}\eta(R^{(2)})) \\
&= \sum (R^{(1)})_1 \otimes (R^{(1)})_2 \eta(R^{(2)}) \\
&= \sum R^{(1)} \otimes r^{(1)} \eta(R^{(2)}r^{(1)}) && \text{(where } R = r) \\
&= \sum R^{(1)}\eta(R^{(2)}) \otimes r^{(1)}\eta(r^{(2)}) \\
&= g_\eta \otimes g_\eta. \\
\varepsilon(g_\eta) &= \varepsilon(\sum R^{(1)}\eta(R^{(2)})) \\
&= \eta(\sum \varepsilon(R^{(1)})R^{(2)}) = 1.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Follows from (QTB2).

(c) Applying  $id \otimes \eta$  to both sides of (QTB3), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum x_2 R^{(1)} \langle \eta, x_1 R^{(2)} \rangle &= \sum R^{(1)} x_1 \langle \eta, R^{(2)} x_2 \rangle \\ (x \leftarrow \eta) g_\eta &= g_\eta (\eta \rightarrow x). \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

Denote the right modular function by  $\alpha \in \text{Alg}(H, k)$  and the modular element by  $a$ ,

$$xt = \alpha(x)t, \sum x_1 \langle \phi, x_2 \rangle = \sum \langle \phi, x \rangle a \quad \text{for } \forall x \in H.$$

- LEMMA 2.3.** (a)  $S(g_\alpha) = g_{\alpha^{-1}} = (g_\alpha)^{-1}$ .  
 (b)  $(\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow x \leftarrow \alpha) = g_\alpha x g_\alpha^{-1}$  for  $\forall x \in H$ .  
 (c)  $S^4(x) = (ag_\alpha)x(ag_\alpha)^{-1}$  for  $\forall x \in H$ .

**PROOF.** (a)

$$\begin{aligned} S(g_\alpha) &= \sum S(R^{(1)})\alpha(R^{(2)}) \\ &= \sum R^{(1)}\alpha \circ \bar{S}(R^{(2)}) && \text{(by (QTB0))} \\ &= \sum R^{(1)}\alpha^{-1}(R^{(2)}) \\ &= g_{\alpha^{-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.2 (b), we have

$$g_\alpha g_{\alpha^{-1}} = g_{\alpha^{-1} \alpha} = 1,$$

hence

$$g_{\alpha^{-1}} = (g_\alpha)^{-1}.$$

(b) By lemma 2.2 (c), we have

$$(x \leftarrow \alpha)g_\alpha = g_\alpha(\alpha \rightarrow x)$$

Applying the algebra automorphism  $\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow x \leftarrow \alpha)(\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow g_\alpha) &= (\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow g_\alpha)x \\ (\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow x \leftarrow \alpha)g_\alpha \alpha^{-1}(g_\alpha) &= \alpha^{-1}(g_\alpha)g_\alpha x \end{aligned}$$

Since  $g_\alpha$  is invertible,  $\alpha^{-1}(g_\alpha) \neq 0$ . Hence by (a),

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow x \leftarrow \alpha) = g_\alpha x g_\alpha^{-1} \\
(c) \quad S^4(x) &= a(\alpha^{-1} \rightarrow x \leftarrow \alpha) a^{-1} && \text{(by (1.9))} \\
&= a g_\alpha x g_\alpha a^{-1} \\
&= (a g_\alpha) x (a g_\alpha)^{-1} && \square
\end{aligned}$$

Set

$$u = \sum S(R^{(2)})R^{(1)}.$$

This element is called *the Drinfel'd element*. In quasi-triangular Hopf algebras  $u$  plays important roles. We show that  $u$  also plays the same role in quasi-triangular biFrobenius algebras.

At first we show fundamental properties of  $u$ .

**PROPOSITION 2.4.** *Let  $(H, R)$  be a quasitriangular biFrobenius algebra with  $R = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}$ . Set  $u = \sum S(R^{(2)})R^{(1)}$ .*

(a)  $S^2(x)u = ux$  for  $\forall x \in H$ .

(b)  $u$  is invertible, with inverse given by  $u^{-1} = \sum R^{(2)}S^2(R^{(1)})$ .

**PROOF.** (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
S^2(x)u &= \sum \langle \phi, S^2(x)S(R^{(2)})\bar{S}(t_2) \rangle t_1 R^{(1)} && \text{(by (1.2))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S^2(x)S(R^{(2)})S(t_1)a \rangle t_2 R^{(1)} && \text{(by (1.7))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(t_1 R^{(2)} S(x))a \rangle t_2 R^{(1)} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(R^{(2)} t_2 S(x))a \rangle R^{(1)} t_1 && \text{(by (QTB3))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(R^{(2)} t_2)a \rangle R^{(1)} t_1 x && \text{(by (1.10))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(t_1 R^{(2)})a \rangle t_2 R^{(1)} x && \text{(by (QTB3))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(R^{(2)})S(t_1)a \rangle t_2 R^{(1)} x \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, S(R^{(2)})\bar{S}(t_2) \rangle t_1 R^{(1)} x && \text{(by (1.7))} \\
&= ux && \text{(by (1.2))}
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Put  $u' = \sum R^{(2)}S(R^{(1)})$

$$\begin{aligned}
uu' &= \sum uR^{(2)}S^2(R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum S^2(R^{(2)})uS^2(R^{(1)}) && \text{(by (a))} \\
&= \sum S^2(R^{(2)})S(r^{(2)})r^{(1)}S^2(R^{(1)}) && \text{(where } R = r) \\
&= \sum S(r^{(2)}S(R^{(2)}))r^{(1)}S^2(R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum S(r^{(2)}R^{(2)})r^{(1)}S(R^{(1)}) && \text{(since } (S \otimes S)(R) = R) \\
&= S(1)1 = 1 && \text{(by (QTB0))}
\end{aligned}$$

Similaly

$$u'u = 1.$$

□

LEMMA 2.5. (a)  $S(u) = \sum a^{-1}S^2(\alpha \leftarrow R^{(2)})S(R^{(1)})$   
(b)  $aS(u) = \sum R^{(2)}\bar{S}(R^{(1)} \leftarrow \alpha)$

PROOF. (a) We have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum \langle \phi, t_1 R^{(2)} \rangle t_2 R^{(1)} &= \sum \langle \phi, t_1 \rangle t_2 S(R^{(2)})R^{(1)} && \text{(by (1.10))} \\
&= (t \leftarrow \phi)u \\
&= u. && \text{(since } t \leftarrow \phi = 1)
\end{aligned}$$

Applying  $S$  to the above result,

$$\begin{aligned}
S(u) &= \sum \langle \phi, t_1 R^{(2)} \rangle S(t_2 R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, R^{(2)} t_2 \rangle S(R^{(1)} t_1) && \text{(by (QTB3))} \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, R^{(2)} t_2 \rangle S(t_1) S(R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, R^{(2)} t_2 \rangle S(t_1) a a^{-1} S(R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, R^{(2)} t_1 \rangle \bar{S}(t_2) a^{-1} S(R^{(1)}) && \text{(by (1.7))} \\
&= \sum \bar{S}^2(\langle \phi, R^{(2)} t_1 \rangle S(t_2)) a^{-1} S(R^{(1)}) \\
&= \sum \langle \phi, (R^{(2)})_1 t \rangle \bar{S}^2((R^{(2)})_2) a^{-1} S(R^{(1)}) && \text{(by (1.3))} \\
&= \sum \bar{S}^2(R^{(2)} \leftarrow \alpha) a^{-1} S(R^{(1)}),
\end{aligned}$$



hence by (1.4) and (1.5)

$$S(u) = \sum a^{-1} S^2(R^{(2)} \rightarrow \alpha) S(R^{(1)}).$$

(b) We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum \langle \phi, t_2 R^{(1)} \rangle t_1 R^{(2)} &= \sum \langle \phi, t_2 S(\bar{S}(R^{(1)})) \rangle t_1 R^{(2)} \\ &= \sum \langle \phi, t_2 \rangle t_1 \bar{S}(R^{(1)}) R^{(2)} && \text{(by (1.10))} \\ &= (\phi \rightarrow t) \bar{S}(S(R^{(2)}) R^{(1)}) \\ &= a \bar{S}(u) = a S(u), \end{aligned}$$

since  $a = \phi \rightarrow t$  and  $S^2(u) = u$ .

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} a S(u) &= \sum \langle \phi, t_2 R^{(1)} \rangle t_1 R^{(2)} \\ &= \sum \langle \phi, R^{(1)} t_1 \rangle R^{(2)} t_2 && \text{(by (QTB3))} \\ &= \sum R^{(2)} \bar{S}(\langle \phi, R^{(1)} t_1 \rangle S(t_2)) \\ &= \sum R^{(2)} \bar{S}(\langle \phi, (R^{(1)})_1 t \rangle (R^{(1)})_2) \\ &= \sum R^{(2)} \bar{S}(\alpha((R^{(1)})_1)(R^{(1)})_2) && \text{(by (1.3))} \\ &= \sum R^{(2)} \bar{S}(R^{(1)} \leftarrow \alpha). \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

The following theorem gives a biFrobenius analogue of Drinfeld's  $S^4$ -formula [Dr2] (see also [R2], Theorem 2 and [Mo], 10.1.13 Theorem.)

**THEOREM 2.6.** *Let  $(H, R)$  be a quasi-triangular biFrobenius algebra. Set  $u = S(R^{(2)})R^{(1)}$  where  $R = \sum R^{(1)} \otimes R^{(2)}$ . Set  $g_\alpha = \sum R^{(1)}\alpha(R^{(2)})$ . Then*

- (a)  $ag_\alpha = uS(u)^{-1}$ ,
- (b)  $S^4(x) = uS(u)^{-1}xu^{-1}S(u)$  for any  $x \in H$ .

**PROOF.** (a) By Lemma 2.5 (a),

$$\begin{aligned} a S(u) &= \sum S^2((R^{(1)})_1 \alpha((R^{(2)})_2)) S(R^{(1)}) \\ &= \sum S^2(r^{(2)} \alpha(R^{(2)})) S(R^{(1)} r^{(1)}) && \text{(by (QTB2))} \\ &= \sum S^2(r^{(2)}) S(r^{(1)}) S(R^{(1)} \alpha(R^{(2)})) && \text{(since } (S \otimes S)(R) = R) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum S(r^{(2)})r^{(1)}S(R^{(1)}\alpha(R^{(2)})) && (\text{where } R = r) \\
&= uS(g_\alpha) \\
&= ug_\alpha^{-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $a$  and  $g_\alpha$  are  $S^4$ -stable, they commute with  $u$  and  $S(u)$ .

Hence we have

$$ag_\alpha = uS(u)^{-1}.$$

(b) Follows from (a) and Lemma 2.3 (c).  $\square$

**REMARK 2.7** (cf. [R3], Proposition 3). Let  $(H, R)$  be a biFrobenius algebra. Define a map  $\Phi_R : H^* \rightarrow H$  by  $p \mapsto (p \otimes id)R^{21}R$ .

Let  $\varepsilon$  be a counit and  $\alpha$  the right modular function.

Then

$$\Phi_R(\varepsilon) = \Phi_R(\alpha) = 1.$$

Indeed

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_R(\varepsilon) &= \sum \langle \varepsilon, R^{(2)}r^{(1)} \rangle R^{(1)}r^{(2)} && (\text{where } R = r) \\
&= \sum \varepsilon(R^{(2)})R^{(1)}\varepsilon(r^{(1)})r^{(2)} \\
&= 1.
\end{aligned}$$

The equality  $\Phi_R(\alpha) = 1$  is shown as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Phi_R(\alpha) &= \sum \langle \alpha, R^{(2)}r^{(1)} \rangle R^{(1)}r^{(2)} \\
&= \sum \alpha(R^{(2)})R^{(1)}\alpha(r^{(1)})r^{(2)} \\
&= g_\alpha \tilde{g}_\alpha
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{g}_\alpha = \sum \alpha(r^{(1)})r^{(2)}$ .

By Lemma 2.5 (b),

$$\begin{aligned}
aS(u) &= \sum R^{(2)}\bar{S}(\alpha((R^{(1)})_1)(R^{(1)})_2) \\
&= \sum \alpha(R^{(1)})R^{(2)}r^{(2)}\bar{S}(r^{(2)}) && (\text{by (QTB1)}) \\
&= \tilde{g}_\alpha u
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, we have proved that  $aS(u) = ug_\alpha^{-1} = g_\alpha^{-1}u$  in Theorem 2.6 (a).

Hence we have  $\tilde{g}_\alpha u = g_\alpha^{-1} u$ . Since  $u$  is invertible, this implies  $\tilde{g}_\alpha = g_\alpha^{-1}$ . Therefore  $\Phi_R(\alpha) = g_\alpha \tilde{g}_\alpha = 1$ .

We call  $(H, R)$  *factorizable* if  $\Phi_R$  is an isomorphism. It follows that factorizable quasitriangular biFrobenius algebras are unimodular.

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